

## Staying in the Light

A boy came home with a bag full of treasures from a neighbor's yard sale.

"Look, Grandma, I only paid 50 cents for this glow-in-the-dark paperweight," he said. "I thought you could keep it on your desk next to your journal."

"How thoughtful of you," his grandmother replied as she gave him a kiss on the forehead and placed the trinket on her desk.

But that night when they turned off the lights, the paperweight was as dark as the room. The boy began to pout. "Stupid paperweight," he said.

"Don't fret," his grandmother told him. "We'll figure it out."

The next evening, she summoned her grandson to the room. The paperweight sat on the desk emitting a soft glow.

"You fixed it!" the boy exclaimed.

"Not really," his grandmother confessed. "I just figured out the secret to making it work."

She showed him a small sticker on the bottom of the paperweight that read: *Place me in the light of the sun by day to allow me to shine through the darkness of night.*

That's good advice for us Christians. We are commissioned to be bright spots in a world of sin and darkness. If we are to do so, we must stay in the light of the Son.

How do we do that? Through Bible study, communication with Him in prayer, listening to the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit, and in worship, either personal or corporate. Christ gives us His energy, His radiance, His joy. And others are drawn to that Light.

– Beecher Hunter